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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomoto TANAKA, et al.

Serial No. 10/734,169

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No. 2111

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Examiner: Mark Hellner

For:

OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION APPARATUS USING RAMAN AMPLIFICATION

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on July 8, 2004. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, along with the requisite fee for same, is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 8, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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